

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

This application of:

Jacques MALLET et al..

Appl. No.: 09/254,617

Filed: March 22, 1999

For: METHOD FOR TREATING
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anne Marie Baker

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2001 (Paper No. 14), applicants request reconsideration. As explained below, the application is in condition for allowance. In addition, please amend the application as indicated below.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a two (2) months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2001. Accordingly, the time for response is extended up to and including May 31, 2002. A payment form for the appropriate fee is attached. In the event of any variance between the fees enclosed and any fees required, please charge or credit the variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1129. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required to keep this application pending, including the extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 50-1129.

AMENDMENT

Cancel claims 26-51 and insert new claims 52-75, beginning on the following page.

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